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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS,NAG

SUBJECT: IMET TRAINING: SENEGAL

1. DEFENSE ATTACHE WAS SUMMONED JULY 29 BY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF JOSEPH TAVARES DA SOUSA (SECRETARY-GENERAL DESIGNATE OF CEAO NON-AGGRESSION/DEFENSE PACT) FOR URGENT MEETING ON STATUS OF CONUS TRAINING FOR SENEGAL PREVIOUSLY OFFERED BY U.S. DA SOUSA EMPHASIZED THAT CHIEF OF STAFF HAD BEEN CALLED BY PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO EXPLAIN WHERE U.S. RESPONSE STOOD, AND MILITARY WAS OBLIGED TO JEMONSTRATE SOONEST THAT OFFER OF TRAINING SPACES WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED SMOOTHLY.

2. TO REVIEW SITUATION, SENEGAL'S INITIAL EXTENSIVE PROPOSALS FOR DEFENSE TRAINING IN U.S. WERE SIMULATED BY SENEGALESE MILITARY IN LATE 1976(RECEIVED HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL ENDORSEMENT IN EARLY 1977, AND WERE SUBMITTED TO EMBASSY AND TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS MISSION APRIL 21 (DAKAR 2744 AND 2745). INTEREST, ANTICIPATION AND CONCERN AMONG SENEGALESE MILITARY OVER PROSPECTS FOR TRAINING IN US CONTINUED TO MOUNT IN INTERVENING MONTHS.

3. ON JUNE 11 EMBASSY WAS ADVISED BY JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE (STATE 135639) OF "POSSIBILITY" THAT IMET FUNDS

SUFFICIENT TO COVER FOUR COURSES COUOTD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN FY 77 PROGRAM. DAO WAS DIRECTED TO "IMMEDIATELY ADMINISTER ECL TEST TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS" AND ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING WOULD BE NEEDED. MESSAGE STATES "EMBASSY MAY ADVISE GOS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO INFORM CONGRESS OF A RPOPOSED INCREASE IN FY 77 IMET PROGRAM FOR SENEGAL IN ORDER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY TRAINING IN (THESE FOUR) COURSES" (PLUS, AS IMPLIED BY PASSAGE QUOTED ABOVE, WHATEVER LANGUAGE TRAINING WAS NFCESSARY).

4. MISSION SO INFORMED GOS WHICH REQUIRED REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF US PROPOSAL BY PRESIDNET SENGHOR BEFORE OFFICERS COULD BE SELECTED AND IDENTIFIED TO DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR NECESSARY TESTING. PRESIDENT HAS CLEARLY FOLLOWED MATTER CLOSELY IN SUCCEEDING WEEKS AND HAS TAKEN STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN PROGRAM.

5. TAVARES MADE CLEAR THE HIGH SYMBOLIC AND PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE SENEGALESE GOVERNMENT AT HIGHEST LEVELS IS ATTACHING TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAM SOONEST.

6. ATTENDANCE AT ENGINEERING COURSE WAS UNEXPECTEDLY PRECLUDED DUE TO UNFORTUNATE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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15-DAY CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT. THIS OVERSIGHT AND CONSIDERATION OF AVAILABILITY OF SENEGALESE PERSONNEL LED TO MISSION'S SUBMISSION (DAKAR 4822) ON JULY 18 OF REVISED REQUEST FOR FY-77 TRAINING. IN WAKE OF TODAY'S DEMARCHE, EMBASSY IS ACUTELY CONCERNED THAT THERE BE NO MORE SLIPPAGE IN FOUR SPACES EARVER DISCUSSED WITH SENEGALESE, AND THAT WE RECEIVE QUOTAS FOR FIRST AVAILABLE CLASSES IN COURSES PROPOSED BY DAKAR 4822. ALL WE HAVE FOR SENEGALESE AT THIS POINT IS NEWS THAT SOME SPACES MAY BE AVAILABLE IN 1978 FROM FUNDS RECOVERED FROM PROSPECTIVE CANCELLATION OF DLI ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR IN DAKAR, A DECISION WHICH WILL COME AS DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT TO SENEGALESE AND WHICH EMBASSY HAS NOT YET CONVEYED PENDING WHAT WE ASSUMED WOULD BE CONFIRMATION OF PROMPT AVAILABILITY OF A FEW FIRM TRAINING SPACES FOR SENEGALESE OFFICERS.

7. DEMARCHE BY COL. TAVARES HAS MADE IT UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR TO MISSION THAT US CREDIBILITY AS DEPENDABLE SOURCE OF COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE IN A CRITICAL AREA OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS ON THE LINE. US PROPOSAL IN JUNE STIMULATED SENEGALESE EXPECTATIONS AT

HIGHEST LEVEL, AND OFFICERS SELECTED IN RESPONSE TO US
PROPOSAL HAVE BEEN PHASED OUT OF PREVIOUS JOB ASSIGN-
MENTS AND LITERALLY HAVE BAGS PACKED FOR TRAVEL TO US.
RELATIONSHIP OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE DEVELOPED BY DAO
WITH SENEGALESE COUNTERPARTS WILL BE GRIEVOUSLY DAMAGED
IF HE CANNOT DELIVER. MISSION IS NOT CONCERNED BY
DISTINCTION BETWEEN FY 77 AND FY 78 FUNDS BUT URGENTLY
NEEDS DATES AND SLOTS FOR COURSES THI FALL REQUESTED
DAKAR 4822 IF WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO BE TAKEN
SERIOUSLY BY SENEGALESE MILITARY COUNTERPARTS AND
IF WE WISH TO PRESERVE UNDIMINISHED HIGH DEGREE OF RESPECT
AND CONFIDENCE WHICH US HAS ENJOYED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS
OF A GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF AMERICAN
INTERESTS AND POLICIES IN AFRICA.
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